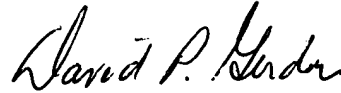


REMARKS

Claims 1-23 and 25-27 have been canceled, with right reserved to reintroduce each of the claims later during prosecution or in a divisional or other related application. Claim 24 remains pending and is submitted to be allowable over the art known to the applicant.

Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Gordon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Gordon" clearly distinguishable.

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